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DON'T FORGET THE CLUB'S SUPPER GYM FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH FROM 6 P.M.
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ROBERT MONTGOMERY

Radio Commentator for American Broadcasting Company

ARTHUR REEF

Editor-Publisher of Heute Magazine

and

CHRISTOPHER EMMET

Writer, Radio Commentator

Robert Montgomery, actor, producer and popular radio commentator, is back in New York after six weeks in Berlin. Members will hear him discuss conditions in West Germany, progress of democratization and rearmament possibilities.

Joining Montgomery will be ARTHUR REEF, editor-publisher of the German-language picture magazine, Heute, and his wife, BETTY -- both Club Members -- who have worked in Germany the past two years. Back in the States on leave, REEF will discuss German reactions to Western moves.

CHRISTOPHER EMMET is well-known as a leader in liberal movements and as a commentator, particularly on German affairs. He has just returned from several months in Germany.

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ANNUAL AUTUMN BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, October 4 --- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 6:30 P. M. ----- Buffet at 7 P. M.
MEMBERS: \$2.50 ----- GUESTS: \$3.

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The Overseas Press Club's own "town meeting" discussion of Club affairs will begin promptly at 8 P.M., following optional attendance by Members and guests at cocktails and a buffet. President LOUIS P. LOCHNER will present a "state of the Club" introduction, and then call for progress reports from key committees. Future plans will also be discussed. This is an opportunity to see the Club's democracy-in-action. Plan to attend.

PAST PRESIDENTS.

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: O F F I C I A L :

Inter-American Committee Meeting Clubrooms Friday, September 29, 5:30 P.M.
Program Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, October 3, 5:30 P.M.
Board of Governors Clubrooms Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 P.M.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE: Leslie Midgley, Foreign Editor, Look Magazine. France, 1944-1949, for Paris Edition, New York Herald Tribune. Proposed by RALPH JULES FRANTZ; seconded by ROBERT L. STERN.

William J. Dunn, National Broadcasting Company. Philippines, Indonesia, Indo-China, Malaya, Hongkong, Japan, China, Burma, Australia, 1941-1947, for Columbia Broadcasting System; Japan, July, 1950 to present, for NBC. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by WAYNE RICHARDSON.

George Thomas Folster, National Broadcasting Company. Australia, 1941-1942, for Columbia Broadcasting System; Far East, 1945 to present, for NBC. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

Helen Jeanette Folster, National Broadcasting Company. Australia, Japan, 1945, for NBC; Japan, July, 1950, to present, also for NBC. Proposed by JOSEF DINE; seconded by LEO BRANHAM.

GUEST: Bella Fromm, correspondent for Frankfurter Rundschau. Proposed by LOUIS P. LOCHNER; seconded by SIGRID SCHULTZ.

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WAYNE RICHARDSON, Chairman of the Bulletin Committee, announces the appointment of a three-man Editorial Board of The Bulletin composed of CHARLES ROBBINS, JOSEPH WURZEL and himself. Establishment of an Editorial Board was authorized at a Bulletin Committee meeting on September 20.

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Club Members who speak Spanish, Portuguese or French may be needed as volunteers to assist at the Inter-American Press Conference events starting Monday, October 9, and ending Friday, October 13, as receptionist-interpreters. Please telephone the Club if you want to volunteer.

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AND INCREASE CLUB INCOME
COMMITTEE URGES

Membership Drive also Suggested

Proposals to expand the Bulletin and the next edition of the OPC Who's Who to provide more revenue-earning advertising pages were presented to the Board of Governors Sept. 12 by Chairman JOSEPH J. WURZEL of the Club's Budget and Finance Committee.

WURZEL also recommended that the club launch an all-out membership drive. This, he suggested, might be in the form of a "GET-A-NEW-MEMBER-WEEK", with each OPC-er enrolling one or more new members.

"We could double our membership if each one does his part," WURZEL said.

WURZEL's report climaxed a committee study of OPC books and operations covering several weeks. Recommendations of the group will be considered by the various committees involved, then returned to the Board for final action.

The report pointed out that the Bulletin's advertising revenue currently falls around \$200 short of meeting total monthly production costs. "The committee," said WURZEL, "feels that the Bulletin's potential is great and should be studied afresh with a new format and a better-looking production in mind."

An enlarged, improved Bulletin, also might be sold to non-members on a yearly subscription basis, thus bringing in additional income, WURZEL added.

The Budget Committee, besides suggesting more advertising pages in the next Who's Who, recommended that each annual edition hereafter contain the club's selection of the "Ten Most Important Events of the Year."

"Each of ten qualified club members could do a chapter telling why a particular event has been chosen and its significance," WURZEL told the Board. "Apart from enhancing Who's Who, the promotional value of the club's selections would be immense."

The Committee further reported it considered the club's present auditing service far from adequate and strongly urged that a new and expanded audit be provided.

The Committee, its chairman said, found that audit figures currently available show only the club's cash position. Although an increased service would cost more, the Committee report urged that club audits be substantially tightened and expanded to reflect the club's actual trading position from month to month.

The Board authorized immediate action on this phase of the Committee's report. Subsequently, OPC Treasurer LEO BRANHAM and WURZEL began conferences with various CPA firms, including the club's present auditor, in efforts to obtain the required service at the lowest possible fee.

Other members of the WURZEL committee are BRANHAM, RADER WINGET (of AP's financial staff), EDWARD R. MURROW (CBS) and JOHN MARTIN (INS). The latter two were unable to participate actively in committee studies because of professional assignments--MURROW in Korea and MARTIN at San Francisco.

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FAR EAST CENSORSHIP PROBLEM
IS RECEIVING "SERIOUS STUDY",
DEFENSE OFFICIAL TELLS CLUB

last week wrote President LOUIS P. LOCHNER that "our own people here in Washington are... giving serious study to the problem."

Acknowledging receipt of the resolution passed by the Club's Board of Governors (The Bulletin, September 14), Osgood Roberts, Acting Director of the Defense Department's Office of Public Information, stated that "we quite understand their (the Governors') reasons for urging censorship of news from the Far East."

His letter continues: "None of us wants information disseminated that might give aid or comfort to the enemy. Similarly, we all desire that the American people be given the fullest information compatible with military security. In an approach to the solution of that dilemma, we are faced with many profoundly important and difficult problems, both moral and practical. Because of the unprecedented nature of many aspects of our engagement in Korea, however, there is no ready-made, proven solution to the special problems facing us."

"General MacArthur has not wanted military censorship. Aware of the difficult position of correspondents under the system of voluntary self-censorship, however, he and his staff have the problem under constant study with a view toward improving the situation..."

"We shall keep in mind the position taken by the Overseas Press Club on this important question, and we are requesting the Army to send on to General MacArthur a copy of your telegram to Secretary Johnson. We appreciate your informing the Secretary of your views."

Copies of the Board of Governors resolution were dispatched simultaneously to the Secretary of Defense, UN Secretary General Trygve Lie and General Douglas MacArthur on September 13.

Further attention was given the Far East censorship snarl this week by Newsweek magazine. In its September 25 issue, the newsweekly cited an incident in which CBS killed a program by EDWARD R. MURROW which it considered might violate press regulations. Newsweek also said: "Last week the Overseas Press Club in New York, whose 700 voices can sound loudly in the land, cabled a protest to MacArthur. The correspondents asked for an immediate imposition of a military security check on all copy from Korea so that all reporters could write by the same rules and the military effort could not be compromised."

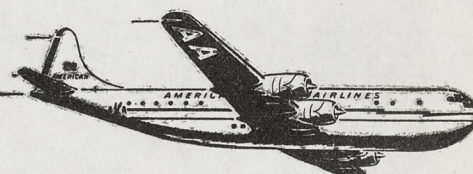
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A real dilemma not long ago faced EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN, New York Times foreign editor, when two conflicting press service stories hit his desk. The UP said UN forces had retaken Waegwan in Korea; the AP said UN troops had never lost it. Just then the telephone rang. It was war correspondent Bill Lawrence, calling from Tokyo. He'd just returned from Korea. "It's no-man's-land right now", Lawrence advised FREEDMAN. "Neither side has it." So the Times next day marked Waegwan as such on its situation map...

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The Inter-American Committee of the Overseas Press Club announces it will hold an open house to welcome delegates to the 1950 Inter-American Press Conference, at the Clubrooms, from 3 P.M. on Saturday, October 7.

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Quick Cash

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 % PRODUCER SAYS NO PROFITS %
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 % ON OPC-MINDSZENTY PICTURE %
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So far, there is NO profit from the film, "Guilty of Treason", to be shared with the Overseas Press Club.

That's the word from Producer Edward A. Golden of Freedom Productions, Inc., OPC Treasurer LEO BRANHAM reported at the

Sept. 12 meeting of the Board of Governors.

The film, which deals with the persecution and trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, was based on the 1948 book, "As We See Russia," authored by OPC members. The club received \$5,000 for film rights to the book. In addition, the contract provided that the OPC shall receive "five percent of all net profits" accumulated by the picture.

In the first report the club has received on progress of the film, BRANHAM said Golden told him the latest figures he (Golden) had showed that as of Aug. 19 the picture had grossed \$392,311. Golden declared the film must gross "between \$750,000 and \$800,000 to meet all production and distribution costs before there is a profit."

Golden said the picture had played in 2,748 theaters in some 2,000 cities and towns throughout the United States and Canada. He said arrangements had been completed recently to release the film in "several South American countries." Negotiations to distribute it in England are currently under way. He added efforts to obtain worldwide distribution has been made and will continue to be made.

Golden declared \$250,000 had been spent to advertise and exploit the picture, of which 250 prints were made.

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MEMBERS, KOREAN DIGNITARIES
HEAR BILL DOWNS, C. GORRY
DISCUSS COVERAGE OF WAR

Top Korean diplomatic officials were among the more than 100 OPC Members and guests who gathered at Toots Shor's Restaurant on September 27 to hear BILL DOWNS, CBS war correspondent, and the AP's reporter-photographer CHARLES P. GORRY relate their

experiences covering the fighting in Korea. Both returned to the U. S. late this month from the battle area.

DOWNS told the meeting he thought U. S. occupation troops were "not psychologically prepared for war." GORRY disagreed with DOWNS. He cited as an example a single American battalion that was sent into action armed only with bazookas and machine guns and 10 days supply of ammo, all of which was exhausted in 36 hours. Nevertheless, the troops fought bravely.

"Korea is a beautiful country", DOWNS said, "and the South Korean people have great dignity."

Regarding censorship, he said correspondents are not adequately screened or briefed, and therefore should not be expected to censor their own stories. On the other hand, he added, there "are only three men in the whole U.S. armed forces competent to exercise censorship".

Following DOWNS' and GORRY's speeches, Colonel BEN C. LIMB, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea, expressed the gratitude of the Korean people for the U. N. soldiers who are fighting and dying in their behalf. He cited 60,000 South Korean and 50,000 UN casualties to date. His Excellency Ambassador John M. Chang, now with the UN, also spoke briefly...Among other distinguished guests were Dr. Robert T. Oliver, author of "Why War Came to Korea" (published by Fordham University Press), a book won as prize by EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN, MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE of Life, Mr. and Mrs. BRUCE GOULD, editor of the Ladies Home Journal, Alice Richardson, fashion editor of Look (who came with CROSWELL BOWEN and brother William), Francis Boyle, HAL BOYLE's wife, STANLEY HIGH, Reader's Digest editor, S. RANDALL HEYMANSON of the Australian News Service...ADELE NATHAN, just returned from Europe...The President welcomed AP top officials Lloyd Stratton and Frank Starzel...Others noted: LARRY LESUEUR, JOE LAITIN of Reuters, TED CHURCH, news editor of CBS, CECIL CARNES -- visiting from Houston, Tex., on his way abroad -- CY PETERSON of the Philadelphia Enquirer and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fick -- he's publisher of the Johannesburg (South Africa) Star.

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Editor

David McIntire, Associate Editor.

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